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Re: Response Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
 U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/773,573
 Our Ref: NGB.357

Dear Examiner Kennedy:

Enclosed is a Response Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, which we request that you enter and which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,

 Peter F. McGee
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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 19, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are shown beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks are provided in a section beginning on page 6 of this paper.